

Transcript of Press Availability Before House Democratic Caucus Meeting

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Rep. Larson: —

I am pleased to be joined

What's appalling is that we have an opportunity here, again this week, to have the Transportation Bill—o

In fact, it's been more than some four hundred and twenty days now since we've seen any kind of action

The American people are fed up. Every time we go out and hold a public forum and a public hearing on

It's our hope, because we know that there are many rational minded Republicans on the other side of the

The American Society of Engineers has indicated that one in nine bridges is in need of structural repair.

Xavier...

Rep. Becerra:

Mr. Chairman, I would ju

But I will tell you this: between now and the end of the year we could continue to see Republicans trying

And so we will see. Can we move forward? Do we have to wait for brinkmanship to occur again? Or will

Rep. Larson:

Time for a few questions

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: Do you favor tapping th

Rep. Larson:

I think it is—what we wa

So it gets back to a Republican-controlled body that says “we need no regulations. We don’t need to see

Rep. Becerra:

Can I just add: I think th

Now, the difficulty is this: the oil companies are jacking up the prices, but they’re not giving the consume

So the reality is this: you got to go after the gougers. You have to make it so that they can't win. One of t

Q: Republicans are offering

Rep. Larson: We haven't seen it, but a

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Rep. Larson: I think that might be the

Rep. Becerra: I hope the media, the pr

We're producing more oil today than we did five years ago, ten years ago. As I said before, the proof is

Rep. Larson: Last week AT&T announ

Q: On transportation, you n

Rep. Larson: You mean Boehner does

Q: What would bring your C

Rep. Larson: Well obviously for Demo

Rep. Becerra: If could just really re-em

The worst part about this is not that the Republicans are playing political games with the legislation that'

Again, the folks that are paying the price are the folks back home. They are so far ahead of the politician

Thank you.

Rep. Larson: Thank you very much.

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